

REMARKS

Claims 1-53 remain in the application. The Applicants have amended claims 1, 2, 4, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 24, 25, 44, 45, 49 and 51, have canceled claims 3, 10, 15, 48 and 52 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

The title has been objected to as not being descriptive. A new title has been added as set forth above. Therefore, withdrawal of the objection to the title is respectfully requested.

The drawings were objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) as not showing the AC power supply and detector recited in claims 9, 13-16, 18, 24, 26, 27, 29 and 53. New proposed drawings FIG 4 and FIG 5 have been submitted herewith to overcome the Examiner's objection to the drawings. Further, related description has been added to the specification as set forth above. The Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added. Therefore, withdrawal to the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

Claims 12 and 24 were objected to as missing a verb. While a verb did exist in those claims previously ("log"), the Applicants have amended those claims to include another verb ("is"). Therefore, withdrawal of the objection to claims 12 and 24 is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-53 were rejected under under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 6,648,661 (Byrne et al.) The Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection based on the following remarks.

Byrne et al. discloses a personal computer 16 with a USB (Universal Serial Bus) or other interface connection with a docking station 12 (or cradle 12). The connection is disabled until the instant such a connection is actually needed. When the docking cradle 12 is empty, the exposed USB signal lines (USB+ and USB-) are connected to ground or isolated. When a device is inserted into the docking cradle, the signals that are connected to the personal computer are then switched on by removing those signals from the ground connection. The Byrne et al. patent does not disclose (or even suggest) that a shutdown of a system is performed in response to a board coupling condition of a board and a device. Byrne et al. merely discloses a way of disabling an active interface between a host computer and a docking station or cradle until the connection is needed. Byrne et al. does not disclose (or even suggest) that a system including a board and a device be shut down in response to a board coupling condition of the board and the device.

The Applicants respectfully traverse the prior art rejection relied upon by the Examiner for at least the reasons set forth above. In view of the foregoing, the application is considered to be in condition for allowance. Early notification of the same is earnestly solicited. If there are any questions regarding the present application, the

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